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SUBJECT: NADGE SYSTEM ENGINEERING CAPABILITY

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REFS: A. USNATO 3173

B. NADEEC-SEC/2-2-14(73)221

C. NADEEC-SEC/2-2-14(73)126

D. USNATO 3117

E. CONF COPENHAGEN 1332

US NADEEC REP SENDS.

BEGIN SUMMARY: SHAPE STANDS ON PREVIOUS POSITION AND DECLINES  
TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM ENGINEERING BRANCH (SEB) IN THE NATO  
PROGRAMMING CENTER (NPC) DUE TO PRIORITIES, MANPOWER AND  
FUNDING CEILING. HOWEVER, SHAPE WILL ACCEPT ADDITIONAL  
ENGINEERING CAPABILITY IF APPROPRIATE MANNING AND FUNDING  
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AUTHORIZATIONS ARE INCREASED ACCORDINGLY. ACTION REQUESTED:  
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE AND/OR CONCURRENCE WITH RESPECT TO  
PARA 2 BELOW FOR NEXT NADEEC MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. SHAPE'S COMMENTS (REF A) CONCERNING THE NADEEC PROPOSED CENTRALIZED NADGE SYSTEM ENGINEERING CAPABILITY (REF B) FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION (REF C) THAT, AT THIS TIME, THERE IS NO MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENT IN TERMS OF THE OVER-ALL TASK CONSIDERATIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL SYSTEM ENGINEERING CAPABILITY. SHAPE CONTENTS THAT THE PROPOSED SYSTEM ENGINEERING TASK FALL WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPETENCE OF EXISTING NATO/SHAPE ORGANIZATIONS, STC, NPC, AND HOST COUNTRY, AND ANY NEW POSTS TO ESTABLISH PROPOSED ADDITIONAL CAPABILITY WOULD REQUIRE SUITABLE OFFSETS FROM SHAPE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE AGREED ACE MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL CEILING. HOWEVER, SHAPE (PARA 8, REF A) WOULD WELCOME ANY INCREASED EXPERTISE IF THE NATIONS DECIDE THE ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING CAPABILITY IS IN THE BEST OVER-ALL INTEREST OF THE ALLIANCE AND PROVIDED THIS ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING CAPABILITY CAN BE ASSIGNED TO SHAPE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY FOR OFFSETS FROM PRESENT SHAPE OR ACE MANNING AND FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATIONS. SHAPE WILL NOT PROVIDE COMPENSATORY SPACES FOR THESE ADDITIONS NOR WILL THEY REPRESENT THEM AS ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS TO DISCHARGE SACEUR'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. HAVING FAILED TO ESTABLISH NATO MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL SYSTEM ENGINEERING EXPERTISE, COMMON FUNDS CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED FOR THE PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, IF OTHER NATIONS CONTINUE TO STRONGLY FAVOR PROVIDING SUCH A CAPABILITY, AND THERE IS A DANGER THEY WILL PROPOSE SUCH A CAPABILITY REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE NADEEC (WHICH US HAS RESISTED PREVIOUSLY), US REP WOULD INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

THAT THE NATIONS PROVIDE SHAPE WITH NADGE NATIONAL EXPERTS AT NATIONAL EXPENSE TO ESTABLISH THE CENTRALIZED NADGE SYSTEM ENGINEERING CAPABILITY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NADEEC (REF B), PROVIDED SHAPE FUND THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THIS WOULD PROVIDE THE CAPABILITY OUTSIDE THE SHAPE OR ACE MANPOWER CEILING AND ONLY REQUIRE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING FROM THE NPC O&M BUDGET. THESE TECHNICAL EXPERTS

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SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO SHAPE BY JANUARY 1974.

3. US NADEEC REP REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE THE CONCEPT IN PARA 2, AND GUIDANCE WHETHER THE US COULD OFFER ONE NATIONAL EXPERT (USAF MAJOR/SENIOR CAPTAIN OR CIVIL SERVICE) TO SHAPE AT NATIONAL EXPENSE.

4. US MISSION AND US DEL MC CONCUR IN THE ABOVE POSITION.  
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